



Governor Brian Schweitzer

Montana

Department of Labor and Industry

Business Standards Division

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HB 73

BOARD OF NURSING

January 07, 2011

Representative Elsie Arntzen, Montana House of Representatives
Chair of the Business and Finance Committee
PO Box 200400
Helena, MT 59260-0400

Dear Representative Arntzen,

The Board of Nursing considered **HB 73: Recover Costs and Fees for Unlicensed Practice of a Trade or Profession** sponsored by Representative Galen Hollenbaugh at a meeting of the full board on Friday, January 07, 2011 and is in support of the bill as written.

The Board is aware of an amendment that if introduced would change the intent of HB 73. The amendment proposed by the Montana Health Freedom Coalition and the Business League for Massage Therapy and Bodywork would enable and facilitate unlicensed health care practice, compromising the safety of the public.

The Board of Nursing is concerned that the intent of HB 73 not be changed by such an amendment. The Board discussed supporting an amendment that would exclude health care professions from the application of HB 73.

At the direction the Board,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cynthia Gustafson".

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